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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT PEREZ. IF RECIPIENT NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I ASSUME MY NEW
RESPONSIBILITIES MY THOUGHTS TURN TO THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR CLOSE FRIENDS AND ALLIES.
I KNOW SO WELL HOW UNUSUALLY CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN
OVER THE YEARS AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU PERSONALLY, ON THIS
MY FIRST DAY AS PRESIDENT, THAT I WILL DO ALL IN MY POWER
TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THIS HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP.

3. YOU ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE OF THE OVERWHELMING
BIPARTISAN SUPPORT WHICH THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED
STATES ENJOYS IN THIS COUNTRY. YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE
SEEN THE STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF THIS SUPPORT WHICH HAS

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ACCOMPANIED MY ASSUMPTION OF THESE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.

IN CARRYING OUT THAT POLICY I COUNT MYSELF PARTICULARLY
FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE CONTINUING SERVICES OF SECRETARY OF
STATE KISSINGER, WHO HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

4. MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY GOVERNMENT
WILL NOT FAIL TO HONOR ALL OF ITS COMMITMENTS, BOTH TO
VENEZUELA AND AROUND THE WORLD. OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE
LINKED BY MANY STRONG TIES AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
WITH YOU IN FRIENDSHIP AS WE ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF
COMMON CONCERN, BILATERAL AND HEMISPHERIC, AS WELL AS
THOSE INVOLVING THE UNIVERSAL CAUSES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS
TO WHICH WE ARE BOTH DEDICATED. SINCERELY, GERALD R.
FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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